Post Scripts

LBJ Expected To Pick Judges

These footnotes to the news have been gathered by reporters of The Washington Post.

While President Johnson is not expected to try again to name the replacement for retiring Chief Justice Earl Warren, some nominations for the lower Federal judiciary are likely between Jan. 3, when Congress returns, and Inauguration Day, Jan. 20.

Top prospects are outgoing Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) for a vacancy on the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on the West Coast, and White House aide Harold Barefoot Sanders for the Court of Appeals here. Sanders' nomination failed to get through committee because of objection by Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) during the adjournment rush, but prospects could be brighter at the start of the session.

FBI Probing Seafarers

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the campaign fund activities of the Seafarer's International Union. This year the 80,000-member SIU put together a $1 million political war chest. The inquiry began after stories were published in August about the union giving $50,000 to Johnson-Humphrey committees and another $50,000 to the Humphrey preconvention effort. Justice Department officials, who initiated the inquiry, want to make sure the funds were voluntarily contributed by union members. Unions are barred by Federal law from using funds from their treasuries for political activities.